

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Ocala, Fla., April 4, A. D. 1904.

The board of county commissioners met in regular session on this day. Present, H. W. Long, chairman, and Commissioners N. A. Fort, S. R. Pyles, J. L. Edwards and E. L. Wartmann.

Mr. Pyles, having received his commission as county commissioner for district No. 3, filed the same in the clerk's office, and participated in the meeting.

Upon motion the clerk was directed to write the superintendent of the Ocala and Gulf R. R. Co., asking them to repair at once the crossing near the city of Ocala and near Howard Academy, or Home School.

Mr. George Pedrick appeared before the board and requested the refunding of certain money which had been paid by his boys on the road. The board thereupon refunded the money.

Mr. A. J. Holton, Jonas Halford and Jacob Hudnell, who have claims for the improper paying of road taxes amounting to \$3 each, complained and asked the board to refund the same, which was, upon motion, granted.

Mr. M. L. Payne presented to the board a petition asking the re-location of a road from Reddick to Flemington as follows: Commence at the railroad crossing at the Gainesville and Gulf R. R., in the village of Fairfield, situated on section line of sections 7 and 18, in tp 13, r 21, east, running thence west along said section line and across range lines 20 and 21, and along the line of sections 12 and 13, tp 13, r 20, east, until the said road intersects with the Ocala and Flemington road; which petition was referred to Mr. Wartmann for investigation and report at next meeting of the board.

It was ordered that a rebate for the payment of two poll taxes which had been made by Mr. Payne since he had become 55 years of age, be granted.

The commissioners' report, heretofore made at the March meeting of this board upon the road known as the public road from Pine to Anthony was adopted with the understanding that the gates were to be allowed to stand until Mr. Hillman can gather his crops.

Upon motion a warrant was ordered drawn to Mr. J. R. Moorhead for the benefit of Mrs. Meiswinkel for material used on Summerfield hard road.

The special committee and architect appointed to accept the bridge at Dunnellon, filed the following report:

Dunnellon, Fla., April 1, 1904.
To the Honorable Boards of County Commissioners of Marion and Citrus Counties:

We, the committee appointed by the chairmen of the boards of Marion and Citrus, respectively, to inspect the bridge across the Withlacoochee river at Dunnellon, beg to submit this, our report, as follows: We find the bridge built in accordance with plans and specifications furnished us by Marion and Citrus counties; the draw to the same being one foot longer than plans called for, and seemed to be put up in good, substantial and workmanlike manner.

Signed: C. A. Shaw, engineer, William Griffith and J. M. Barksdale, Com.

The committee's report was thereupon adopted and ratified by the board and the clerk instructed to draw the warrants for the balance of said work as follows: A warrant for \$525.76, due one year from this date; a warrant for \$555.52, due in two years from this date; a warrant for \$585.28, due in three years after this date; a warrant for \$615.04, due four years from this date; a warrant for \$644.80, due in five years from this date.

Bill of Mr. C. A. Shaw for \$25, being Marion county's part, one-half of said Shaw's bill as architect, employed by the counties of Marion and Citrus, to look after the building of said bridge, was ordered paid.

Mr. Lang thereupon made his report of the poor farm, which is as follows: To the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Fla:

Gentlemen: I visited the poor farm April 1, and found things generally moving on very well. The corn crop was coming up very well, but was being pulled up by crows. The cantaloupes are extra good; had been neatly plowed and hoed, and were in good condition. The stand of corn is not good; is still coming up and has been plowed and hoed and is in good condition. Five acres are planted in pinders; ten acres of land have been cleared and will be planted when it rains. Oats are good. The garden is doing well. Squash, one month old, is full of young forms and will be loaded with fruit in ten days. There are now 44 hogs, including 10 pigs, since last report. Owing to sickness of the superintendent, fertilizers bought and applied to the soil, the expenses of the past month have run up beyond the usual monthly expenses. Mrs. Lizzie Watson and her two children of Cotton Plant, being in indigent circumstances, without property, and having no relations able to assist them, was sent by me to the poor farm, with instructions to the superintendent to take care of them until the board met. Mrs. Watson's health is run down, but with medical

attention it will doubtless improve, and she will be useful on the farm. She is now cooking for the inmates and will soon be in condition to do the sewing, mending, etc. The junior superintendent is getting on nicely, is growing fast and seems to know what is going on around him.

Expenses for March

Superintendent's salary, \$35; field hands for the month, \$34.80; cook, \$5.50; washing and ironing, \$4. Total for labor, \$79.30.

Incidental Expenses

J. B. Malloy, for crates, \$3.85; freight on two tons cottonseed meal, \$2; Abe Brown and Bro., 4700 pounds cottonseed meal, \$81.85; Geo. K. Robinson, fertilizer, \$22.20; Florida Ice Packing Co., 60c; T. W. Smith and Co., hardware, \$5; Rheinauer and Co., dry goods, \$1.50; Ocala Wagon Works, shoeing horse, etc., \$1.10; Ocala Seed Store, 60c; Tydings and Co., \$3.10; Racket Co., 1/2-doz. picking baskets, \$1. Total amount of incidental expenses, \$122.80. Total amount of expenses, \$202.10.

Credits

By net sales of 49 crates of lettuce, \$39.40; cabbage, \$6.58; syrup, \$14.70; potatoes, 70c; turnips, \$1.20; seed corn, 49c. Amount total of credits, \$64.65. Amount of expenses, \$137.45. Amount of expenses for fertilizers, \$104.05. Amount of expenses less fertilizers, \$33.40. Respectfully submitted,

H. W. Long, Com. in Charge.

Upon motion it was ordered that Mrs. Lizzie Watson and two children be admitted as inmates of the poor farm.

The matter of opening up the road through the pasture of James Sims, formerly that of I. O. Arms, was again brought up before the board and the matter referred to Mr. N. A. Fort, commissioner, for investigation and report at next meeting of the board.

It appearing to the board that it was right and proper that Marion county should assist in building up the roadway next to the bridge at Dunnellon, an appropriation for that purpose of \$75 was made.

Upon motion Dr. D. A. Smith was appointed inspector of marks and brands at Anthony, vice J. C. Baskin, resigned.

It was upon motion ordered that election district No. 28, Juliette, be and the same is abrogated.

The petition signed by James Singleton and others, asking for road to be granted, was referred to Commissioner Wartmann for investigation, and to report at next meeting of the board.

It was ordered that this board does recommend to the comptroller to cancel the certificates covering the following described land, viz: 13.13 chs n and s by 4.64 chs e and w in sw cor of ne 1/4, sec 25, tp 12, r 20, the same belonging to a poor and deserving woman, Catherine Gordon, who is entitled to this as a homestead exemption.

Mr. Long reported his action to the board with reference to causeway near the property of Mr. Atkinson, and also stated that he had contracted with Mr. Freymuth to build the causeway at a cost of \$50. The action of Mr. Long was ratified by the board.

Bond to carry pistol was granted J. L. McLeod and D. N. Barco, and the rules were waived and licenses ordered issued for the same.

Notary bond of R. C. Alworth, with T. C. Hall and L. J. Knight as sureties, was approved.

Notary bond of J. M. Barco, with W. N. Camp and Clarence Camp as sureties, was approved.

Notary bond of W. S. Priest, with Vernon Clyatt and T. T. Munroe as sureties, was approved.

Notary bond of L. V. Porter, with J. K. Christian and H. L. Dickson as sureties, was approved.

Notary bond of J. B. Floyd, with H. L. Dickson and W. R. Baker, sureties, was approved.

Application for pension for following persons were approved: Ruth M. Jones, Charry A. Perry, Martha Mason W. B. McAttee and J. J. Miller.

The board thereupon adjourned until tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock.

Tuesday, April 5, A. D. 1904.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, except S. R. Pyles, who was sick.

The application of Mr. Green for Matilda Palmer to be allowed to redeem the w 1/2 of lot 1, block 54, N. S. S., was referred to Mr. Edwards, with power to act.

The bill of William Hall, submitted to this board at the March meeting, was referred to Mr. Pyles for investigation.

Bill of Dr. W. V. Newsom for services rendered in amputating three fingers and setting fractured arm, etc., was referred to Mr. J. L. Edwards for investigation and report.

The application of Mr. Ditto for the redemption of the nw 1/4 of block J. Allred's ad, Ocala, was referred to Mr. Edwards for investigation and report at the next meeting of the board.

The recommendation asked for by James Duffy upon four acres in a square shape in the se corner of nw 1/4 of sec 5, tp 15, r 23, was granted for \$35 and clerk's fees, for redemption of certificates.

Superintendent Carn appeared before the board and asked them to pay

for having awnings placed over the windows of his office, which matter was referred to Mr. Long for action.

It appearing to the board that there has been paid out of the general road fund for special road purposes more than amount now in the special road fund, \$1000, it is therefore ordered that the clerk of this board do draw a warrant for \$1000, payable to the general road fund, drawn upon the special road fund.

Applications to carry firearms were filed and laid over until next meeting as follows: B. E. Raysor, A. M. Ruzy, Chas. M. Brown, R. M. Long, M. L. McQuaig, R. B. Clark, Ulee Tillis, J. H. Moore, C. Blue, W. A. Brown, S. L. Blanton, John W. Dean and John T. Foster.

The report of the commission to view out the road from the Prescott place, known as the Rowell grove, to the Ocala and Silver Springs road, running west to the convict farm, was adopted by the board, and the clerk instructed to post the same as required by law.

A petition signed by twenty persons from Levon, asking the establishment of a voting place and election district, was granted.

The application of S. V. Dukes to sell liquor, wines and beer in election district No. 24, Dunnellon, was presented to the board, and being in due form the clerk was instructed to advertise the notice as required by law.

Upon motion Mr. H. W. Long, chairman, was authorized to take up the matter of putting fenders to protect the pier of the steel bridge with the chairman of the board of county commissioners of Citrus county, and report the result of their action at the next meeting of this board.

Mr. E. L. Carney, tax collector, reported collection of \$491 on account of poll taxes and \$149 on account of extra polls.

To the Board of County Commissioners:

We respectfully report the building of one and a quarter miles of paved road on the Camp Lizard road during the past three weeks, out of lime rock, except 300 yards built out of waste lime at Meffer's lime kiln, at a cost of \$524.63 per mile. This is an excellent road and has been built under most favorable circumstances. Material accessible, no overburden to be removed and no rain to interfere with the work.

Signed: H. W. Long and John L. Edwards, Commissioners in Charge.

Be it remembered that the board of county commissioners, at their meeting held this 5th day of April, A. D. 1904, in pursuance to law, section 11 of chapter 4328, Acts of 1895, the board of county commissioners have and do hereby define and fix and establish the following election districts in Marion county, Florida:

Election district, No. 8, with voting place at Summerfield, Fla., bounded as follows: Commence at ne cor of sec 3, tp 17, s, r 23, e, thence run w to nw corner of sec 6, thence s to sw corner of sec 12, tp 17, s, r 22, thence s to sw corner of sec 24, thence w to nw corner of sec 26, thence s to county line, thence e to se cor of sec 34, tp 17, s, r 23, thence n on section line to the place of beginning.

Election district, No. 23, with voting place at Pedro, described as follows, viz: Commence at ne cor of sec 16, tp 17, s, r 22, e, thence run w to nw corner of sec 14, in tp 17, s, r 21, e, thence s to county line, thence e to se cor of sec 34, tp 17, s, r 22, e, thence n to ne cor of sec 27, thence w to nw cor of sec 27, thence n to place of beginning.

Election district, No. 24, with voting place at Dunnellon, described and bounded as follows: Commence at ne cor of sec 6, tp 16, r 19, e, thence run w to the county line, thence s on county line to the Withlacoochee river, thence e with meanderings of said river to the e bdy of sec 7, in tp 17, s, r 19, e, thence n on section line to place of beginning.

Election district, No. 28, with voting place at Levon, bounded and described as follows: Commence at ne corner of sec 2, in tp 17, s, r 22, e, thence run w to the nw corner of sec 4, in tp 17, s, r 22, e, thence s to the sw corner of sec 9, in tp 17, s, r 22, e, thence e to the se corner of said section 9, thence s to sw corner of sec 22, thence e to the se cor of sec 23, thence n with section line to point of beginning.

Election district, No. 14, with voting place at Orange Springs, bounded and described as follows: Commence at the intersection of east boundary of sec 24, tp 11, s, r 24, e, with the Oklawaha river, thence s to the se corner of sec 36, in tp 12, s, r 24, e, thence w to the sw cor of sec 31, tp 12, s, r 24, e, thence north to the nw cor of sec 31, thence w to nw cor of sec 35, in tp 12, s, r 23, thence s to the sw cor of sec 35, thence w to the sw cor of sec 31, tp 12, s, r 23, thence n to waters of Orange Lake, thence with meanderings of said lake to Orange Creek, thence with meanderings of Orange Creek and Oklawaha river to point of beginning.

Election district, No. 13, with voting place at Fort McCoy, bounded and described as follows: Commence on e bdy of sec 13, in tp 14, r 23, on the north side of the Oklawaha river, thence run n to the ne cor of sec 38, in tp 12, s, r 23, e, thence w to nw cor of sec 25,

thence s to the sw corner of sec 35, thence w to the nw cor of sec 6, in tp 13, r 23, thence s to the sw cor of sec 19, thence e to the ne cor of sec 30, thence s to the sw cor of sec 16, in tp 14, r 23, thence e to the Oklawaha river, thence with meanderings of said river to point of beginning.

The following justices reported fines imposed in their courts as follows: R. S. Shortridge, \$95; J. M. Barksdale, \$25; R. Bullock \$100; W. O. Waid, \$299.80; E. S. Smith, \$15; J. O. Turnipseed, \$77.

The following justices reported no fines imposed in their courts: M. H. Rou, Alex. Wynne, B. F. Bouchillon, C. C. Priest, W. W. Jackson, M. M. Proctor, H. W. Douglass.

Mr. T. E. Pasture, county treasurer, reported balance, receipts and disbursements as follows:

Road Fund	
Bal. last report.....\$	35
Receipts.....	3250 75
Disbursed.....	3250 10
Balance.....	\$ 1 00

County Proper	
Bal. last report.....\$	52
Receipts.....	2401 10
Disbursed.....	2400 71
Balance.....	\$ 91

F. and F. Fund	
Bal. last report.....\$	1229 05
Receipts.....	1265 92
Disbursed.....	549 37
Balance.....	\$1745 60

Board thereupon adjourned.
H. W. Long, Chairman.
S. T. Sistrunk, Clerk.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS.

The board of public instruction in and for Marion county, Florida, met this the 4th day of April 1904, in regular session with G. S. Scott, chairman, B. R. Blitch and J. S. Granham present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The secretary reported that he had advertised according to law and by instructions of the board for elections to be held throughout the county, in every special tax school district, on Tuesday, April 5th, 1904. That he had had poll list made, tickets printed and sent with other necessary papers to the different districts.

A request from a negro of the Blitchton neighborhood asking the board to refund him one dollar poll tax which he had paid the tax collector when he was exempt by law on account of age.

The county commissioners also recommended its payment. The board was of the opinion that it had no authority to refund any taxes turned into the treasury of the schools. The matter was referred to the secretary to look up and if found that the board had such authority to draw a warrant for the amount.

The insurance on the school houses and furniture throughout the county having expired the superintendent was instructed to make up a correct list and values of all houses and furniture owned by the county and have same insured for five years. The rate being 90 cents on the \$1.

The secretary was asked to go before the county commissioners and ask if they would have awnings put over the windows of the office of the board of public instruction.

The bills for printing tickets, making out poll list and advertising the elections were ordered paid from the district funds and the secretary instructed to proportions the amounts to the different districts and draw warrants for same, as the law requires the expenses of the elections to be paid by the districts.

A petition was before the board signed by one fourth of the qualified voters of Fairfield, who pay a tax on real or personal property, asking that the board call an election to create a special tax school district. A protest was before the board from D. H. Irvine objecting to the election being called so as to include sections 5 and 6 of township 13 south, range 22 east, claiming that these sections belonged to Irvine school.

After considering the matter the election was called to include all territory asked for in the petition, except the two sections above mentioned, and May 24th, 1904, was the date fixed for holding said election.

Reports and accounts amounting to \$3076.77 were approved and ordered paid.

Treasurer's report showing total receipts for March \$5142.41 and disbursements \$5161.50 leaving a balance of 91 cents were approved.

W. D. CARN,
Secretary.

CLASH AT TRINIDAD.

Regular Soldiers and Members of the State Militia Have Trouble.

Trinidad, Col., April 5.—A clash has occurred between soldiers of the regular army and members of the state militia. Two companies of the Fifth cavalry, United States army, arrived here enroute overland to Fort Apache from Fort L. Gan. Several of their officers were entertained by Major Hill, commanding the national guardsmen. During this time a number of regulars came into the city on leave of absence. They came upon the patrol of militia, and began hurling epithets at them. Captain Scholtz, of the state guards, happened on the scene and ordered a sergeant to arrest one of the most abusive regulars. The latter's companions prevented the sergeant from carrying out the order at the same time drawing six-shooters and surrounding the patrol. Scholtz suddenly dispatched a messenger to the cavalry officers and Lieutenant Mosley came quickly to the scene and ordered his men to their camp. They explained to him that they were just having a little fun with the militiamen.

The matter will be investigated and the guilty ones dealt with. National executive committeeman Fairley, of the United Mine Workers of America, has issued an open letter to the public in which he suggests a conference of mine operators and miners for the purpose of arriving at some settlement of the differences in the southern Colorado fields and thereby end the strike.

INDIGNATION MEETINGS.

Protest Against Increase of Tenement Rentals in New York.

New York, April 5.—Scores of indignation meetings have been held on the East Side to protest against the general increase of tenement rentals. The lawyers and business men addressed the meetings and a protest was drawn up which will be presented to the mayor.

Advances have been made by leaseholders in the crowded section of the Eleventh street from the Bowery to East river, of from \$2 to \$10 a month. Throughout Easter day the streets were thronged with people discussing their grievances. All agreed on one point—to resist to the utmost and refuse to pay the increase. An old society has been formed to take care of those who may be dispossessed and are unable to take care of themselves.

It is declared the leaseholders and not the landlords have caused the advance. The former take the buildings by the year and collect the rents from the sub-tenant. Numerous threats of violence already have been heard.

IRON ORE OUTPUT OF U. S.

Doubled in Quantity During the Past Six Years.

Washington, April 5.—The iron ore output of the United States has doubled in quantity during the past six years according to a report of the geological survey which has been issued.

During 1902 the United States produced 35,554,415 long tons of iron ore, valued at \$65,412,950, an increase of 23 per cent over the production of 1901 and of 103 per cent over 1897. The most significant feature of the statistics of the industry is that 10,272,750 tons of iron ore came from 8 mines and 16,248,289 tons from 18 mines, the shipping operations of all of which, with two exceptions, are limited by climatic conditions to 200 days annually.

One hundred and twenty-six operators produced 88 per cent of the product for the country. Seventy-two operators produced over 100,000 tons each.

LARGE ENDOWMENT.

New York Philanthropist Gives Liberally to the Church.

New York, April 7.—One of the largest endowment funds ever created for a church in this city has been formed by the will of Smith LaFayette Russell, a retired business man, who died March 10.

It will amount to \$500,000, and the testator's desire is along the line of several recent moves to keep alive church interest in the downtown district from which many old religious institutions have removed in recent years.

The Duane Methodist church in Hudson street on the lower West Side was the beneficiary. During the life of Mrs. Russell a portion on the income of the fund is to be paid her. At her death the entire sum will be placed in trust and the income, estimated at \$25,000, will be expended in building up the church. Several Methodist charitable institutions also will receive sums of \$5,000 each.

Little is known of Mr. Russell and his wife outside of their immediate friends and neighbors in Washington Place, where they have lived many years, devoting much of their time to works of charity.

Only Two New Cases.

New York, April 7.—Only two new cases of bubonic plague developed on Monday, says a Herald dispatch from Lima, Peru. The government has ordered a strict examination of all passengers and disinfection of baggage on all trains leaving Lima and also on steamers leaving Callao. Sanitary stations have been established in Payta Callao and Ito.

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